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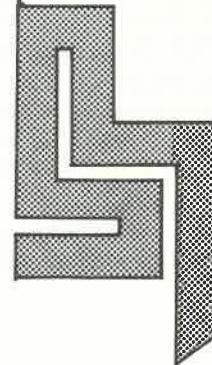
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IS UNITED'S FUTURE AT STAKE?

Newcastle United Club was informed on Wednesday, August 29, by the Northern New South Wales Soccer Football Federation that the club's application for membership of the Federation's proposed State League to begin in 1980, had been unsuccessful.

The Federation did not give the club reasons for its decision.

The club's application to the Federation detailed United's ground and facilities, playing strength, team management, crowd estimates, promotions and media relationship in respect to its membership to the proposed State League.

The Directors of the club undertook to promote its membership of the State League in the same business-like manner with which it does its membership of the Philips Soccer League.

The International Sports Centre would have been available to the club as its home ground and our involvement in the League would have given the opportunity to our supporters to watch top Soccer at the Sports Centre each Saturday.

The availability to the club of a back-up playing facility is vital to the player management aspect of the club's future. It is imperative that the reserve members of the playing staff play competitively as a team under the direction of a coach who follows the same playing policies and tactics as the Manager of the P.S.L. team. The depth in the playing strength of the club can be maintained only if all positions in the first team are shadowed by players who can fit into the first team with a minimum interruption. The classic demonstration of this argument is the impact made on United's performances when Ian Seddon was injured against Canberra City in the first round: it took the team about five weeks to recover from Ian's absence but, in the meantime, it suffered five losses which have seriously prejudiced the club's standing in the P.S.L. table in 1979.

The proposed P.S.L. Youth League does not, on its own account, fulfil the need for a back-up playing facility. Firstly, the clubs will be limited to the use of a small number of over-aged players: what happens to those local Youth League players who, for next season, exceed the age limit? Some of these players might not yet be up to P.S.L. standard but have no doubt the potential to develop to the standard required in the Philips Soccer League. The players could be kept on the club roster but with the resultant financial drain. But, more importantly, how can the club further develop the player's potential.

If the Federation's decision is examined from the aspect of the promotion of Soccer, weekly availability of top soccer on each Saturday but most importantly, the solid development of the playing strength of United, you are left with the conclusion that it seriously prejudices the future of this club.

Despite its disappointment, Newcastle United wishes to extend to the clubs admitted to the State League its best wishes for a successful participation in this new important competition.

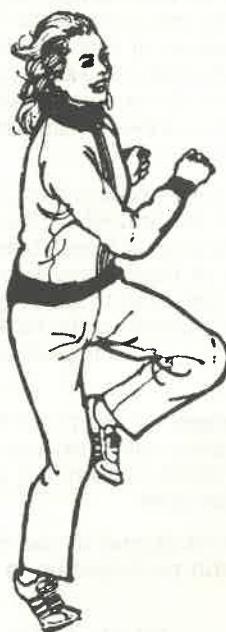
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Marconi

A side that forms the nucleus of Australia's Socceroos ought to be a strong combination. Marconi is that. With three matches to go this tremendous side has already established an unassailable lead in the 1979 Philips Soccer League. Supposing that it didn't win another point its nearest opponent would need to collect a three pointer in each of the last three games to topple Marconi. The Fairfield club won't lose much sleep worrying about that eventuality.

What makes the side so good? It isn't easy to say. The club has an Italian base but the playing strength consists of mainly Australian born players with the odd European import, not necessarily Italian. Perhaps their secret is that, regardless of the origin of the players, they are the best available. Take some of the Australian boys for a start. Eddie Krncevic, Mark Jankovics, Peter Sharne and Gary Byrne are undoubtedly four of the best locals of recent years. Right now they are all in dazzling form, in particular Peter Sharne who would be a star in many European teams. His speed is his greatest asset but he has skill too.

The likely line-up for Marconi today is Maher in goals, Brogan and Degney fullbacks, Russell and Prskalo at centre back, Byrne, Henderson and Vieri in midfield and up front Sharne, Jankovics and Krncevic. And what a line-up!

It might surprise you to learn that there are only three non-Australian-born players in that line-up. They are Prskalo, Vieri and Henderson. So you might say the cream of Australian football has been gathered here to prove that Australians can match the best.

In Ivo Prskalo Marconi has a fine sweeper whose coolness in a tight situation matches that of Doug Utjesenovic of St George. Rudi Gutendorf can hardly wait for Ivo to become a naturalised Australian. He wants him for his Socceroo squad.

Last year our own Kenny Boden was leading P.S.L. goal scorer. This year Mark Jankovics is leading the way. He is under pressure from only one striker, Eddie Krncevic, his team mate. Eddie is nineteen, Mark a year or so older. They have so much football in front of them.

Marconi's top scorers are tremendously lucky to have Peter Sharne feeding them from the left. But there is one other player whose service from midfield is nothing short of miraculous. That is Roberto Vieri, the former Italian international star. He measures his passes to perfection as one might reasonably expect. He no longer buzzes around the midfield foraging for the ball. His contribution to the team is that of spreader. Watch how he weights his passes and wrong foots his opponent.

There are no weak links in the Marconi defence. Every one of them can be a star on his day. Alan Maher in goal has had more than his share of international experience. It is hard to imagine that he could be at the peak of his form right now with such a strong side in front of him. But he, too, has had his moments of glory in recent matches.

Sit back and enjoy this match. If United happens to win it you can count its victory as a rare achievement.



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Since it speaks for itself we publish a letter from Mr Harvey Broadbent, of the Australian Broadcasting Commission who was in Newcastle recently to make a segment of the radio show he produces, 'Australia Today', without comment. Here it is

***Letter from Harvey Broadbent of A.B.C. to
supporters of Newcastle United Soccer Club***

August 23, 1979

The reputation of Newcastle KB United Soccer Club is growing. The major contribution your club is making to Australian Soccer and to the social life of your city is gaining widespread recognition.

Before I came to cover your Philip's Cup semi-final against St George I'd heard that the club had large and enthusiastic support amongst Novocastrians. But I wasn't prepared for the electric atmosphere, the colour and noise which flowed from the main stand on that day. It brought back memories to me of my Saturday afternoon visits to Old Trafford, Manchester, where I used to watch that other United turn on their own brand of soccer entertainment.

I was as disappointed as my two young hosts, Ian Brown and Dominique Trisley, in the result of that semi-final, but I don't think anyone that afternoon was as dejected as Arno Bertogna when I interviewed him after the match. Poor old Arno told me he felt as if he'd let the whole city down by missing that last penalty.

If you'd like to hear Arno talk about United along with young Ian and Dominique and hear the chants and songs of the 15,000 crowd on that day, you should tune to A.B.C. Radio 2 and 3 (2NA) at 11.40 am on 10th October. At that time the program, "Australia Today", will be looking at Newcastle United and taking the name of the club across the nation.

Good luck to Newcastle United for next season!

HARVEY BROADBENT,
*Producer of A.B.C Radio
"Australia Today".*

PLAYER PROFILE



This Week: DAVID JONES

POSITION:
Midfield or striker.

SHIRT No.:
11.

DATE OF BIRTH:
4-8-55.

PLACE OF BIRTH:
Manchester U.K.

STAR SIGN:
Leo.

HEIGHT:
5' 11".

WEIGHT:
11 stone 7 lbs.

HAIR COLOUR:
Brown.

EYES:
Blue.

MARITAL STATUS:
Single.

PREVIOUS CLUB:
Macclesfield Town, U.K.

TRANSPORT:
Jim Preston's car!

FAVOURITE FOOTBALLER:
Wolfgang Overath (West Germany).

FAVOURITE SPORTSMAN:
Muhammad Ali.

FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM:
Manchester City U.K.

GREATEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER:
Parents.

AMBITIONS:
To help win the P.S.L. with K.B. and have a happy and healthy life.

GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT:
Representing England Youth.

HOBBIES:
Playing and watching all sports.

FAVOURITE RELAXATION:
Listening to my favourite music, reading soccer magazines and reading mail from home.

SUPERSTITIONS:
Always like to have clean soccer boots.

FAVOURITE ENTERTAINERS:
Clint Eastwood, Barbara Streisand, James Cagney, Beatles, Gerry Rafferty.

FAVOURITE FOOD:
Pork with apple sauce.

FAVOURITE DRINK:
Tea.

PET HATE:
Being injured and playing below best form.



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CHIPS AND CROSSES

Since our last issue two new directors have been added to the board of Newcastle United. Both are well known in the soccer world. They are Ross Morgan and Dave Brown. Ross is a former executive of Adamstown Rosebuds Soccer Club. Dave is still actively playing the game as well as contributing to the code as a journalist and as an administrator with Tech College. Their appointments will considerably strengthen the work force available to the club. As long-serving soccer men they know what that is all about.

To gain from the exercise. There will be several hundred more Gosford fans at this match as a direct result of that promotion.

At least two of our youngsters from the north will have gained international honours by the end of this year. Chris Miner, captain of the N.N.S.W. Youth Squad at the Under 16 Coca-Cola National Championships last week, and Darren Taylor, son of the well-known Geoff 'Tas' Taylor, have won places in an Australian side to play in Singapore early in December. Two other boys are on stand-by for the squad. This will be the first-ever tour for a national Under 16 side.

Last week Kevin Keelan and his wife returned to England. When next we see them there will be three of them. Kevin enjoyed Australia and was not anxious to return home. But a young wife expecting a child has her anxieties and naturally likes to be near mum. The players gave Kevin a little farewell last Thursday evening. Good luck to the Keelans.

The Central Coast Leagues Club is renowned throughout the land for its patronage of all sports. Part of every membership fee is allocated to the sport nominated by the member. It's a sort of levy to promote his favourite code. Last Saturday at Gosford the Central Coast Leagues Club excelled itself in its promotion of the match between Newcastle United and Sydney City. The match drew what was probably the biggest crowd ever to attend a sporting fixture on the central coast. But the club went one better in the hospitality they offered to our players and officials before and after the game. Congratulations and thank you, C.C.L.C.

At the last game between Newcastle and Brisbane Lions Santa came to the International Sports Centre in the form of Cadbury/Schweppes. In a promotion which brought happiness to hundreds of children the firm gave away fifteen hundred Chup-a-Chups and six hundred Chocolate Frogs. Who said it was sixteen weeks to Christmas?

The match at Gosford was the brainchild of John Warren, promotions officer for the Sydney City Club. Its success is a tribute to his imagination but also to the playing skills of the Slickers. Central Coast people were astounded at the high standard of play in the match. Our defeat was not so much a commentary on the standard of our play as a tribute to the sharpness of our opponents. Still, we stand

In the next issue of this programme you will find a crossword. It is a rather belated response to requests from readers who completed the Survey published a few issues back. So is the page called "News from Home" in this issue. If you have already seen the matter contained in "News from Home" please be tolerant. There are lots of people who haven't seen it and who would otherwise miss out on it.

In this issue we publish a letter concerning the A.B.C. Schools Programme, "Australia Today". We think you will be impressed by it. We had also hoped to publish a letter of thanks from Mrs Margaret Ambrose, the principal of Glendon Crescent Special School. It was a beautiful letter of appreciation for the club's efforts on behalf of her pupils who were entertained at a match earlier this season. Unfortunately that letter went astray.

In our next issue we shall be publicising the name of the winner of the Photographic Competition. The entries came in in droves and the judging poses a problem. So many fine photographs from "amateur" photographers!

Brett Beves spent 1978 with the United Youth Team. When that competition was disbanded he went to Wallsend where he has been keeping for Reserve Grade mainly. He plans to go to England in the very near future. But his reputation received a boost last week when he was declared the Best and Fairest player in the National Schoolboys Championships in Brisbane. He was also named in the select side for Australia. It probably won't mean a trip for him but it is a further honour.

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Alan Vest

So our run without a defeat came to an end after 10 games with the 2-0 defeat by Sydney City. It wasn't one of our better games but I thought our lads second half fighting performance deserved something. Sydney City are potentially the best side in the league and the experience in their team undoubtedly pulls them through a lot of games. On saying that though it just proves what a tremendous season our lads have had. We're within a couple of points of them in the league after 23 games and we beat them in the cup. I'm tired of hearing over criticism of the team and some of our players, admittedly from only a minority of supporters when one considers we are basically a young inexperienced team. Every player in this club has done this club and city proud and to have performed with the best teams in the country and matched them as they have done deserves praise. I know most of our supporters are tremendous people and proud of their team and are eager for the team to win everything, but players the world over even the best players in the world make mistakes as ours do, but it's encouragement they need not criticism.

Just a word of mention about John Sneddon's performance at Gosford, his fighting performance should be a great incentive to all players in the game,

FROM THE TUNNEL

particularly young ones. He only knows one way to play and that's to give 110% effort wherever and whenever he's in the team. Tremendous John, an attitude we can all learn from.

It's probably been as bad a season for injury as any side could wish to have but we're not complaining because all teams have injury problems and that's one thing in the game you have to put up with.

We've still got Ian Seddon on crutches after his achilles tendon injury, Bill Summerscales has to have a cartilage operation, Roy Drinkwater has his ten stitches out this week, Jim Preston's cracked bone is mending, but he too may need an operation, David Jones is almost back in full training, Arno Bertogna has ankle trouble and Ken Boden is hobbling after a bad kick on his achilles and calf, not a happy situation.

Well it's the mighty Marconi today who have clinched the title for this season, Les Scheinflug has a side packed with talent and it's sure to be a tremendous game. They have a team almost consisting of members of Rudi Gutendorf's National Squad as well as having Roberto Vieri their top Italian import. It's probably the most vital game of the season for us, as a win would keep us in the running for a top four place.

SCORERS

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NEWCASTLE KB UNITED

1. PHIL DANDO
2. PETER WILLIS
3. NEAL ENDACOTT
4. CRAIG MASON
5. BILL SUMMERSCALES
6. ROY DRINKWATER
7. ARNO BERTOGNA
8. IAN SEDDON
9. KENNY BODEN
10. GRAHAM HEYS
11. DAVID JONES

MANAGER:

Alan Vest

COLOURS:

Emerald,
cinnamon
and white
or
Red, gold
and black

12. JOE SENKALSKI
14. JOHN SNEDDON
15. COL CURRAN
16. PETER TREDINNICK
17. JIM McBRENN
18. MICHAEL BOOGAARD
19. MALCOLM McCLELLAND
20. JIM PRESTON
21. KEITH HARRIS
22. BRETT COWBURN

REFEREE:

Mr Des Mills
(Brisbane)



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Bob Warren.

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Mr Brian Ray

1. ALAN MAHER
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3. PAUL DEGNEY
4. JOHN RUSSELL
5. IVO PRESKALO
6. TONY HENDERSON
7. GARY BYRNE
8. ROBERTO VIERI
9. MARK JANKOVIC

COLOURS:

Emerald green
shirt with single
central hoop,
red trim; white
shorts and socks,
with red and
green trim.

10. BERTIE MARIANI
11. PETER SHARNE
12. EDDIE KRNCSEVIC
13. STEWART SELVIGE
14. KEN LINSDAY
15. BARRY JONES
16. MIKE BERRY
17. DOMINGO IELLAMO
18. GARY RAMSDEN

MARCONI

RESULT — NEWCASTLE

MARCONI

IT FIGURES

PHILIPS SOCCER LEAGUE OF AUSTRALIA POINTS TABLE

NEWCASTLE ANALYSIS

CLUB	P	W	(B)	D	L	F	A	Pts.	Home	Crowd	Away	Crowd
Marconi	23	14	4	6	3	53	27	38			1-2	8,000
Sydney City	23	13	1	3	7	42	25	30	0-1	9,823	0-2	6,730
Brisbane City	23	12	1	5	6	34	25	30	4-1	9,037	1-1	2,800
Heidelberg	22	11	1	6	5	36	26	29	3-3	10,134	4-2	3,500
Adelaide City	23	10	1	6	7	38	27	27	0-0	12,143	0-0	3,100
Newcastle United	23	9	1	8	6	37	28	27	—	—	—	—
West Adelaide	23	10	1	4	9	28	27	25	0-0	8,687	1-1	6,127
APIA Leichhardt	23	9	—	3	11	25	31	21	1-0	10,012	3-1	4,287
Canberra City	23	6	—	8	9	24	33	20	0-2	8,254	5-1	2,250
Sydney Olympic	22	7	—	5	10	22	24	19	2-0	18,367	1-1	3,575
Brisbane Lions	23	7	—	5	11	25	38	19	2-2	11,188	0-3	1,300
Footscray	23	7	—	3	13	23	37	17	Play	22/9	0-2	1,200
St. George	23	6	—	5	12	25	41	17	4-2	8,288	Play	16/9
South Melbourne	23	4	—	3	16	20	43	11	3-0	7,091	2-1	3,000
	320	125	10	70	125	432	432	320	19-11	113,024	18-17	47,766

PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Name	L	C	O	G	R	A	March	April-May	June-July	GOLDEN GOAL SCORERS
Roy Drinkwater	23	4	3	7	—	7.75				Ken Boden
Jim Preston	10	2	2	—	—	7.72				Graham Heys
Joe Senkalski	12	3	1	2	—	7.56				Col Curran
Ian Seddon	9	1	—	—	—	7.52				
Bill Summerscales	20	4	3	3	—	7.50				
Arno Bertogna	13	3	2	—	—	7.40				
Col Curran	23	4	3	4	—	7.40				
Ken Boden	23	4	3	8	—	7.38				
John Sneddon	12	2	1	1	—	7.38				
Malcolm McClelland	21	3	2	1	—	7.15				
Brett Cowburn	13	3	3	2	—	7.04				
Peter Tredinnick	23	3	1	—	—	6.88				
Graham Heys	21	4	3	6	—	6.82				
Phil Dando	13	2	1	—	—	6.78				
Peter Willis	21	4	3	—	—	6.67				
Neal Endacott	2	—	1	—	—	6.67				
David Jones	2	—	—	—	—	6.67				
Craig Mason	2	2	3	—	—	6.25				
Keith Harris	6	1	2	—	—	6.22				
Jim McBreen	6	—	—	—	—	5.97				

Legend: L — League appearances, C — Cup,
O — Others, G — League goals, R — Last rating,
A — Average rating.

FASTEAST SCORER

David Jones v. Sydney Olympic
July 29
30 seconds

LAST WEEKEND'S RESULTS

St George 2 — Heidelberg 2
Brisbane Lions 1 — APIA 0
Marconi 2 — APIA 0
West Adelaide 1 — Footscray 0
Sydney City 2 — Newcastle 0
Heidelberg 2 — Canberra 1
Adelaide City 3 — South Melbourne 0
Brisbane Lions 0 — Sydney Olympic 0
Brisbane City 1 — St George 0

NEXT HOME MATCH

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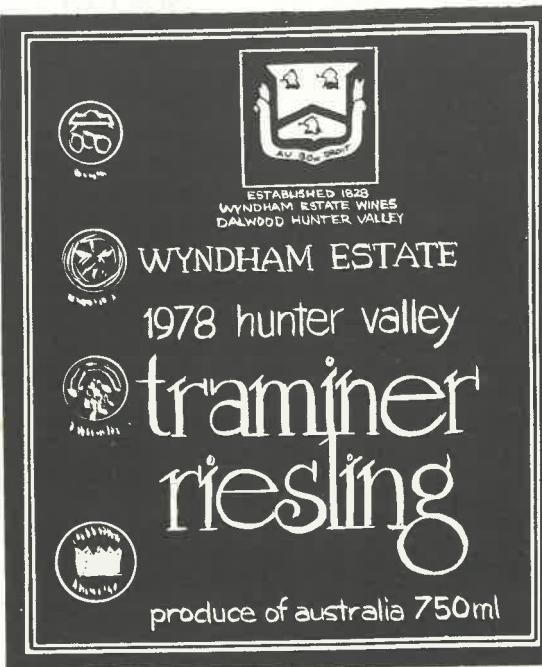
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Brisbane City v Footscray
Heidelberg v Brisbane Lions
Sydney Olympic v Sydney City
APIA Leichhardt v St George
West Adelaide v South Melbourne
Canberra City v Adelaide City

NEXT WEEKEND

Sydney City v Heidelberg
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SUPPORTERS' NEWS

by O. Kovacs

Do you think it's too early to publicise our Christmas Picnic? This is our second last Programme for the Season.

We invite you all to our Picnic which will be held on Sunday, 2nd December, 1979, at Speers Point Park. It will be a fun packed family picnic. Do your children a favour and bring them along. There will be rides, games, a barbecue and Santa will be there too.

We all remember that memorable day last Season when our team played Marconi — who could forget it! — Good crowd, loud support, a good win and Bobby Charlton — this time we have to be without Bobby Charlton.

A warm welcome to all Marconi supporters and we congratulate them for their teams success.

In a few years time they can congratulate us . . .

Well we almost made the Top Four and still have a slight chance to make it. But, whether we make it or not, we had a good season. We have seen some good football with a lot of excitement. This year we did not have the worry of rising from the bottom of the table. Our team was in the top half throughout the season and this alone is a remarkable effort. No matter what anyone says. All we hope is that we don't do any worse.

Messrs. S. Wagner and D. Monish won the \$200.00 Golden-Goal jackpot prize. The \$400.00 went to real good supporters. Congratulations from the Supporters' Club Committee.

The Supporters' Club are organising a guessing competition. The first prize will be

a Philips Video Tape Recorder. The money raised by this venture is going to be invested in a similar unit which is going to be used to help the team's tactical preparation. Get behind this project, your money is going to help the team for further successes. Besides you may win a beautiful recorder with free installation. The winner will be drawn at the last game of the season at the International Sports Centre.

The lucky supporter of the year will be drawn at the last game of the season — Footscray. The lucky supporter will have a weeks holiday in New Caledonia. If you want to join him/her, you still can book at Jayes for a cut price offer. The Player of the Year will also be holidaying there at the same time.

Messrs. G. Steel and J. Blakemore won a double ticket each for the Presentation Night as the first prize of our raffle.

Bus tickets to St George game and Canberra are already selling well. We urge you to book now. Our Travel Officer has to make the arrangements for accommodation in Canberra at the end of this week. If you leave the booking for the last minute you make it very hard for our organisers.

IMPORTANT DATES:

8th November:

Presentation Night at Newcastle Workers' Club.

20th November:

Annual General Meeting of the Supporters' Club.

October long week-end:

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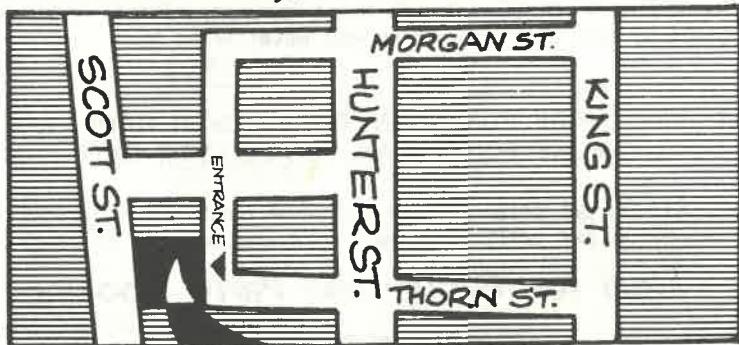
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TOP TEAMS IN CUP FINAL

The Amateur Cup final to be played at the International Sports Centre today between Southern United (Central Coast) and Tamworth RSL teams brings to a conclusion a fine competition in which 24 teams from various parts of the Northern NSW Amateur Soccer Federation's huge area of administration took part.

Five of the teams which competed are from the Northern Rivers area, four from the Lower North Coast, six from the New England districts and nine from the Central Coast.

The competition began on May 20 and ended on August 11 when the semi-final round was decided.

Today's match will begin at 11.40am, and will be of 45 minutes each way, with a 10 minute break after the first half. Should the match be drawn an extra 15 minutes each way will be played. If the final has not then been won, penalty kicks will decide the issue.

The presentation to members of the winning team will be made by Mr Fred Eshman, who is the President of the Northern NSW Amateur Soccer Federation.

The Federation Treasurer, Mr M. Geary, will make the presentation to the losing side.

If extra time is not needed and the match ends before its scheduled time, two under six teams will play. They are from the Morisset and South Cardiff clubs.

THEY COME FROM AFAR

There will be many enthusiastic barrackers from faraway places at the International Sports Centre today and, to them, the KB United-Marconi clash will not be the most important event of the day.

These enthusiasts are present to support teams playing in the State Amateur Cup final, which is the early fixture.

The teams for the match are —

SOUTHERN UNITED

1. Brian Symington
2. Steven Napper
3. Mick Varley
4. Lance Stephenson
5. Joe Ferguson
6. Steve Richardson
7. Steve Stokes
8. Keith Ross (Captain)
9. Garry Fish
10. Greg Court
11. Paul Darmody
12. David Hall
13. Colin Burgess
14. Jamie Feetham

The team plays in Coventry City's colours — Sky blue with a black stripe down each side. It is coached by Fred Ross and trained by Trevor Leggett.

TAMWORTH RSL

1. David Rose
2. David Cognet
3. Ross Peachey
4. Vince Willebrands
5. Geoff Hartley
6. John Perryman
7. Ian Footit
8. Greg Poetschka (Captain)
9. Malcolm Peters
10. Peter Westcott
11. Laurie Hearne
12. Ray Simpson
13. Graeme Lowe
14. Lester Solomons
15. Kim Beijman

The team's playing strip is gold shirt, green shorts, gold socks. It is coached by Greg Poetschka and managed by Jim McGuire.

The referee for the match is Mr Bill Screen and the linesmen Messrs Warren Miller and Jim Perry.

The teams are Southern United on the Central Coast and Tamworth RSL.

The KB United officials have been informed that two buses will bring players and parents from the Timbertown Junior Soccer Club at Wauchope to the ground while there will be several buses bearing enthusiasts and team supporters from Gosford and Tamworth to watch the important match.

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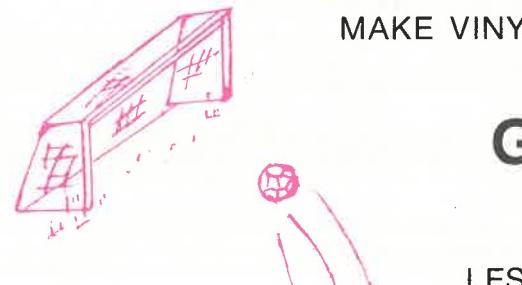
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COACH'S MANUAL

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Despite its cost and the hassel of obtaining a copy it is a must for every aspiring coach of junior footballers. It is written specifically for the many people who, through goodwill rather than expertise in coaching or even a rudimentary knowledge of the game, take up the responsibility of coaching junior soccer.

The Coach's Manual is full of good news; good news for the coaches, for the boys and girls, for the parents of the players, for the officials who help to organise competitions for them, and finally for local government bodies whose job it is to find playing fields for the many youngsters involved in our code.

The book gives some interesting new insights regarding ground sizes. Did you know for example, that the average Australian soccer field is larger than many of the top grounds in England? Eric Worthington gives some comparisons to hammer home the point that some of our five and six year olds are playing on grounds bigger than English first division pitches. The message is clear.

The book considers footballers in three categories — the very young up to U.9, the young up to U.13 and the mature players from U.14 up. It suggests six a side matches on small pitches for the very young and no structured competition until U.10. It considers children should not play full eleven a side matches until the U.12 age group.

Those are only basic ideas but they are vital to the concepts developed in the very specific coaching sections. This manual will serve as a guide to all those who buy it. It deals by sections with every conceivable aspect of coaching in fine detail. It is arranged in loose-leaf form with easily spotted index tags so that relevant material is quickly found. As additional material is made available it can easily be added to the original.

You will enjoy the diagrams, pictures and the general setting-out. If you find flow-charts helpful this manual is for you. If you have asked questions and wondered whether the answers given were correct this book is for you. It's by coaches for coaches but not just any coaches. It's for coaches of juniors.

REVIEW

Below is a summary of an article, "Overcompetition: The Silent Killer of Youth Soccer", which appeared in the July issue of 'Soccer Corner', America's soccer periodical. The article was written by Bill Koch.

The arguments that competition builds character and that stern competition brings out the best in us are apparently better arguments when applied to adults rather than preadolescents and adolescents. It is evident that overcompetition leads to unequal rewards for different classes of teams. Programs which give the best fields, the best equipment, the best referees and the best playing opportunities to the best players are commonplace. Winning is the only thing rewarded; participation, sportsmanship, effort, improvement, team work may go competely unrewarded.

Few adults will admit that winning at all costs is paramount. Yet their behaviour clearly shows that winning is the only thing which turns them on. Young soccer players would have to be stupid not to see the real feelings of those who profess to believe that winning isn't the most important thing about playing soccer. Children are far more affected by what they see than what they hear where adults are concerned.

Boys notice the store their parents set by having them gain selection in an elite side. Those same boys reflect that pride by showing arrogance towards opponents and not so fortunate fellows in their club. A strong emphasis on winning makes the winner feel he is somehow better than the loser. When winning becomes all important officials display disrespectful behaviour towards referees, other players and other coaches. Such poor quality behaviour indicates that winning is more important than the way in which the game is played.

The ideal club is one in which boys and parents are invited to contribute to the general welfare by attending meetings and putting forward suggestions for improving the club. In such a body it is possible that the win-loss philosophy may be submerged beneath the recognition of effort, sportsmanship, enjoyment, the acquisition of skills. Competition then becomes a means for the child to explore his capabilities without being branded a failure if the team loses.

The club must be strong enough to redirect the energies of those parents to whom winning is the only thing. To do this it must publicise its objectives and bring the important aspects of its work to the notice of all members and particularly all parents of players.

Do you agree or disagree with Bill Koch? However you feel you are invited to write to the editors expressing your views on the article. Drop your letter in to reach P.O. Box 5027A not later than next Friday, 14th September. Your letter should be of not more than five hundred words.

The winning entry will be published in the next issue of the official match programme on 22nd September. The winner will receive a free season ticket for 1980.

NEWS FROM HOME

Gary Birtles, England Young Player of the Year in 1978, was unknown in professional football prior to the 1977-78 season. Then Brian Clough who needed a replacement for Peter Wythe took him from his trade as a tiler and threw him to the first division wolves. Forest struggled for nearly half the season before Birtles realised his potential and started to put away the goals. What a marvellous achievement for a young player; what a marvellous achievement for an inspired manager.

Some doubted Birtles' ability to carry on in the 1979-80 season. His two goals against W.B.A. last weekend indicate that he will be better this season than last.

Transfers between seasons have changed the face of English soccer. It is on the cards that your favourite player has changed clubs since the last time you watched him on television. These are some of the most notable changes:—

Player	Former Club	New Club	Transfer Fee
Phil Parkes	Q.P.R.*	West Ham	\$1,000,000
Stuart Pearson	Man. U.	West Ham	\$ 440,000
Mick Robinson	Preston N.E.	Man. C.	\$1,500,000
Bobby Shinton	Wrexham	Man. C.	\$ 600,000
Ray Wilkins	Chelsea	Man. U.	\$1,600,000
Tony Currie	Leeds	Q.P.R.	\$ 900,000
Asa Hartford	Man. C.	Forest	\$1,000,000
Emylyn Hughes	Liverpool	Wolves	\$ 180,000
Frank Gray	Leeds	Forest	\$1,000,000
Laurie Cunningham	W.B.A.	Real Madrid	\$2,700,000
Peter Barnes	Man. C.	W.B.A.	\$1,500,000
Brian Greenhoff	Man. U.	Leeds	\$ 700,000

* The highest fee ever for a goalkeeper.

It was only at the beginning of the 1977-78 season that British soccer lifted its import bans so that top flight foreign players would be allowed to play for English clubs. Osvaldo Adilles, Argentinian World Cup ace, was one of those enlisted. He went to Tottenham Hotspurs and proceeded to astonish supporters with his skill and durability. His light frame was subjected to some fierce tackles but he rode them and mesmerised opponents with his skill. His former team mate Alex Sabella was the subject of a three way transfer tug-o-war between Arsenal, Man. U. and Everton between seasons.

By the time you read this the final of the Coca-Cola World Youth Titles will have been decided in Japan. The final was due to be played last night starting at 7.00pm our time. Paraguay brushed aside the challenges of Australia and Israel to become the third South American side in the titles. Brazil did not win a place. The other two countries were rivals Argentina and Uruguay. In theory it was possible for the last two to meet in the final.

Meanwhile, the National Youth (U. 16) Championships sponsored by Coca-Cola were finalised in Sydney last Sunday with a win to N.S.W. The Northern N.S.W. contingent headed the qualifiers after being unbeaten in three preliminary rounds but were knocked out in the semi-final by arch rivals, New South Wales. Alan Vest was in Sydney to watch the boys in action. At the same time he took in the important clash between St George and Heidelberg which ended in a 2-2 draw after a victory for Heidelberg seemed inevitable. It must have been nice for Alan to see Heidelberg suffer the not untypical United fate of dropping a point when the two were safely in their grasp. The score favoured the Victorians two goals to nil with less than ten minutes to go.

Man. C.'s manager Malcolm Allison, must be one of the most colourful figures in sport. He even rivals the deeds of Brian Clough. Seems he has the knack of gaining publicity because he is one who questions conventions. His first venture into sensationalism was the wearing of a ten-gallon hat in his days with Crystal Palace. His latest is to get the players up early on the day of the match and run them on the pitch where they are to play. It has been generally accepted that a good lie in is the thing prior to a match. Whatever the outcome of the experiment Malcolm is hardly likely to endear himself to the players or the publishers of the Saturday morning newspapers.

Craig Johnston has fully recovered from his groin strain of last season and is doing well with Middlesbrough. His club has started the new championships in fine fashion and for a short time led the field. One of their goals came from Craig in the match against Spurs. The 1977-78 season is one he will want to forget but maybe he can make this one a season to remember.

Australia's plans to arrange a tour of China for the Socceroos are not so unrealistic. The Chinese People's Republic has a team in England. It has played W.B.A., Middlesbrough, Chelsea and Glasgow Celtic, losing to all of them. Celtic beat them 6-1 but is likely to travel to China next year. The crowds in China are guaranteed and there is no reason why a touring side should not make a handsome profit without exploitation. That makes our plans to go to China quite feasible.

THE ENTHUSIASM THAT MAKES UNITED STRONG

Full marks to young Greg Cooper of Springfield Avenue, Kotara South.

He has been a ball boy at the International Sports Centre for KB United matches during the last two seasons and, growing out of that stage, is eager to remain a part of the club's organisation.

His is a happy example of the willingness of young people to assist with the organisation and administration of the club.

Here is Greg's letter to Mr Paul Trisley, KB United's secretary —

Dear Mr Trisley,

I have enjoyed the past two years being a ballboy for KB United. However, next season I will stand down for someone younger than I to have a go.

I would still like to remain a part of KB and would appreciate you letting me know who to contact as to selling programmes or something similar.

Yours sincerely,
GREG COOPER.

SOCER SKILLS COMPETITION

Newcastle KB United today is host to participants in the Newcastle Sun and Coca-Cola One-on-One Soccer Skills' competition.

This activity is part of an Australia-wide competition conducted by Coca-Cola in a bid to develop Soccer skills in young players with particular reference to encouraging ball control and shooting skills.

There are 35 Newcastle and regional schools represented in today's competition, with entrants in age groups of 12 and under, 14 and under, 16 and under.

The competition will begin at 11am, and proceed during the day until the start of the Amateur Cup final and after that match. During the main fixture, the quarter-finals, semi-finals and final will be decided.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

If you want all the latest information on Newcastle KB United you can't go better than:- The Newcastle Morning Herald, specially Allyn Hamonet's articles.

The Newcastle Sun particularly the Friday supplement.

The Northern Federation's 'Soccer News'.

"Soccer Action" the weekly publication which carries a Newcastle KB United page and is available from your newsagent.

"Soccer World" also available at your newsagent and another periodical "Soccer Life" which should be available again soon.

N.B.N. Channel 3, in particular the Saturday Sports Show.

Radio stations 2HD, 2KO and 2NX all of which give frequent scores for United's matches. 2HD and the national stations also preview the Newcastle KB United matches just before noon on Saturdays.

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TRED LIGHTLY

IRONNIES

RONNY B: During training last week the United squad was attacked by a swarm of angry bees. Ken Boden broke Dale Buggins' record by clearing twenty-seven vehicles in the Stewarts and Lloyds carpark. Bill Summerscales set a new mark for the ski jump at Fullerton Cove and Roy Drinkwater was declared provisional winner of the vertical take-off and landing trials at Williamtown.

RONNIE C: Meanwhile an Irish footballer, returning from a three week suspension, was asked by reporters to give them his version of his last appearance. "Faith," he replied, "it's not that long ago. I look exactly the same as I did then."

RONNY B: An Irish club has sacked its curator for growing potatoes beside the pitch. The curator explained to reporters that his father had always said potatoes made a good sideline.

RONNIE C: When Paddy was told his next match would be at home he declared, "Begorrah and there'll never be enough room at the front. We'll have to play round the back."

RONNY B: Three P.S.L. players planning end-of-season moves were interviewed by reporters today. The first said he was a trainee engineer and would like to go to Newcastle where there was plenty of heavy industry. The second said he planned to go to a Melbourne club because he was a qualified landscape gardener and Melbourne was noted for its fine gardens. The third said he had no talents, aptitudes or qualifications and naturally he would be heading for Canberra.

RONNIE C: The groundsman at the I.S.C. reported to the board that a thief had taken the ladder that he used for putting up the nets. The board immediately posted this notice:

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REFEREE: A schizophrenic who wears black like a mourner but never stops whistling.

LOW DRIVE: A trip in a Lamborghini.

TERRITORIAL ADVANTAGE: When your halves are in their half more than yours.

TRAINING: What players enjoy when they have a ball.

ANKLE: When you are not shootink from der wronk ankle you are not missink. (West German Coaching Manual).

DEAR DOROTHY DIX

I have read that basket ballers grow up to eight feet. Is there a law of the game that stops soccer players from having more than two?

Puzzled.

The editor of the local paper was so disgusted with the latest performance of the town's soccer team that he inserted this notice in a prominent position on the front page:

The editor notes with the deepest sorrow the passing of Spencer Little, Clevely Sparrow, Horace Sidebottom . . . in fact every player except Edward Smithers who never once touched the ball.

This is the age of travel. Players flit from one country to another and one continent to another.

His total of miles is gigantic.
The places he's been so romantic.
He may cross the ball
Scarcely at all,
But he can certainly cross the Atlantic.

The manager should have been enjoying his sea cruise after a long, hard football season. But things had turned sour. There was nothing but trouble on board. Everything that could go wrong did. At last the manager said to his wife: "I've been in this situation plenty of times. The only thing to do is to sack the captain and all the crew except the first and second officers. It's called cleaning out while looking after your mates."

The Irish gear steward was bitter.

"It's enough to bring tears to the eyes of a potato," he wailed. "He tells me there'll be no aerial balls in training then he complains because they're flat."

Roy Drinkwater couldn't understand why so many women were asking him for 38 cups until he realised they'd been going to Winns for years for their bras. And what more logical place than the supporters stall?

On the sixth day of creation God turned his attention to sport. In a mood of most divine inspiration he devised soccer. When he had finished he saw that it was good.

But the Archangel Gabriel was concerned that it might be too good. So he said, "Lord, this game is so perfect nobody will want to play any other."

"You may have something there," came the reply.

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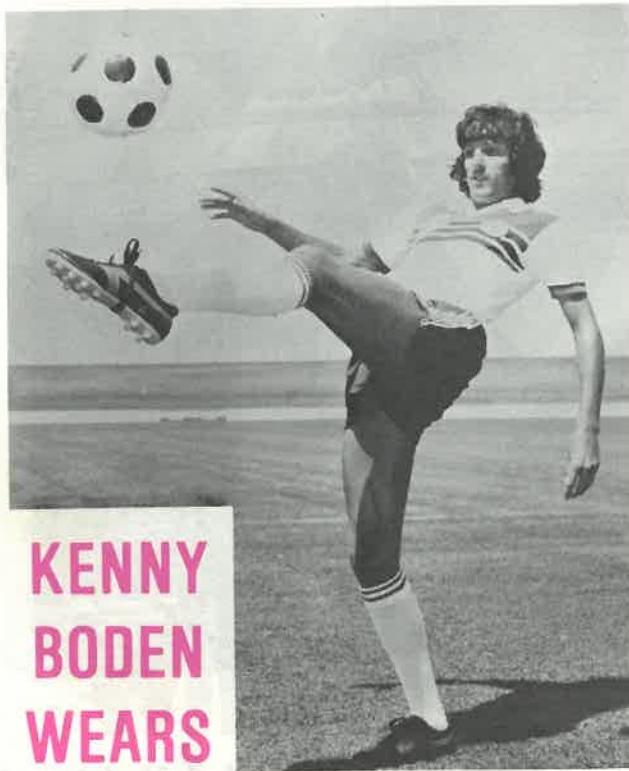
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